

Clean-Up Day in Chattahoochee Hills

The grass is greener thanks to Chatt Hills Volunteers

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Clean-Up Day in Chattahoochee Hills seemed more like a party than a work day as nearly 100 volunteers assembled at City Hall on May 31, eager to pitch in.

The event was hosted by Friends of Chattahoochee Hills' adopt-a-mile committee and sponsored by Cardinal Sanitation, which provided trash bags, bottled water, and trash pickup after the event.

Volunteers arrived by 8 a.m. on Saturday to register and beat the heat. They were outfitted in orange safety vests and matching "picker-upers" donated by the Serenbe Institute, given two different colors of trash bags – white for recyclable trash, and black for nonrecyclable garbage – and carpooled to their assigned roads.



Volunteers sign-up to clean a mile of Chattahoochee Hills



Sponsor Cardinal Sanitation provided trash bags, bottled water, and trash pickup following the event.



The Serenbe Institute donated orange safety vests and picker-upers

Budweiser, Marlboros, and Mt. Dew, oh my!

Driving the roads of Chattahoochee Hills, one only sees a blur of litter, but walking the roads brings litter in focus.

"Budweiser beer bottles, Marlboro cigarette packs, and Mountain Dew soda cans, seem to make up the bulk of litter," said Nancey Green Leigh, who picked up litter along Rico Rd. Her two team mates agreed that those items, along with fast food bags and containers, filled up most of the 19 bags of trash they collected.



Nancey Green Leigh picks up litter along Rico Rd.

Are we tired of tires yet?



Over on Cochran Mill Rd, the Reed family and friend Ron Wallace made a small mountain out of the many tires they found along side the road and in the woods.

"There were several areas where tires were dumped along the road," said Tom Reed. "But the largest area must have had at least 60 tires dumped in the woods. That will have to be a project for another day."

Volunteers consolidated their trash along Cochran Mill Rd to make pickup easier for Cardinal Sanitation.

How Georgia is Solving its Scrap Tire Problem

Read this interesting article to learn what can be done with recycled tires, and how GA is solving its scrap tire program. See: <http://www.scraptirenews.com/99aug3.html>



The Reed family, left to right front row: Emmeline, Karen, Annabel; back row: Tom and Max.

Round 'em up, bring 'em in



Judy and William Shaw

By 11 a.m. volunteers who had finished their routes made their way back to City Hall. A few volunteers, such as Judy and William Shaw, brought their full bags of trash with them to help Cardinal Sanitation consolidate their pick-up.

The 21 trash bags consolidated at City Hall were added to the total amount for Rico Rd.

The highlight of the day was the hot dog lunch provided by an anonymous donor and the adopt-a-mile committee. Volunteers were treated to all of the hot dogs they could eat, chips, drinks, and a fabulous assortment of home-made cookies.



Geneva Eaton grills hot dogs for hungry volunteers.



Adopt-a-mile chair, Molcie Trimble

Clean-Up Day Results

By all accounts, Chattahoochee Hills Clean-Up Day was a big success. According to committee chair Molcie Trimble, "We had 100 volunteers, including residents, committee members, and city staff; 276 bags of trash were picked up; and 100 hot dogs were eaten. That sounds like a success to me."

To view the photo album for this event, see www.chatthills.org.

Chattahoochee Hills Clean-Up Day – Results May 31, 2008

Number of miles serviced: 25.5
 Number of trash bags collected: 276
 Number of volunteers: 100
 Number of hotdogs consumed: 100

Road	Miles	Recyclable Bags	Garbage Bags	Total bags collected
Campbellton Redwine Rd	5.22	43	32	75
Cochran Mill Rd	5.5	50	50	100
Hutcheson Ferry Rd	7.5	15	18	33
Rico	4.6	20	28	48
Rivertown	2.68	8	12	20
Grand total	25.5 miles	136	140	276

Clean-Up Day Map

